THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The U. N. paid an allowance ranging from US $ 62/ to US $ 80/ per day per person, depending upon location in Namibia and whether housing or food was provided, directly to the Indian Police Contingent deputed to Namibia. These amounts were paid over and above their pay and allowances and other admissible benefits that they continued to receive in India from the Government. In addition, the Government was reimbursed the cost of providing monitors at a standard rate of US $ 950/ plus a supplement of US $ 280/ per month per person based on 25% of the authorised strength of the contingent. This was on account of pay and allowances, mobilisation charges and compensation for dislocation of Police personnel. Also, US $ 70/ per person per month was reimbursed as usage factor for personnel clothing, gear and equipment including personal weapons and ammunition. These amounts have been transferred to the concerned Police Units.

Visit of U. S. Diplomats to Ayodhya

@ 1653B. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a diplomat of the United States Embassy visited Faizabad and Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) on the 9th April, 1992 and left on the 10th April, 1992 and was accompanied by an Indian national;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had any prior information regarding the visit and the purpose of these visits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to established diplomatic practice and consistent with the norms of our open democratic society, diplomats accredited to India can legitimately travel within the country to visit places and meet people from all walks of life in discharge of their duties. Prior permission is only required for visiting restricted areas.

Cost orders issued by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

1654. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Cost Audit orders issued during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what are the details of Cost Audit Reports received for complying these orders;

(c) what are the details of Cost Audit Reports not received in compliance of these orders and what action was taken in the cases where the reports were not received; and

(d) what action was taken on the reports which were received by his Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) Details of Cost Audit Orders issued and reports received during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are indicated below :

	1990-91	1989-90	1988-89
Total Orders issued	688	801	761
Orders withdrawn	(76)	(52)	(72)
Exemption granted	(8)	(21)	(16)
Net Orders issued	604	728	673
Reports received	359	586	535
Balance	245	142	138

@ Previously Unstarred Question 1003, transferred from the 6th May, 1992.